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AND RAPID DECOLORATION OF  
HUMAN KERATIN FIBRES WITH  
CERTAIN DIRECT DYES

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2. **JP-A-2002-265338** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0139957 A1, which is listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08.
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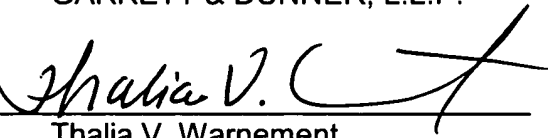
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